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In re Application of

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Title: INFORMATION CARRIER, APPARATUS FOR RETRIEVING INFORMATION FROM THE INFORMATION CARRIER AND APPARATUS FOR RECORDING INFORMATION ON THE INFORMATION CARRIER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 3, 5 and 8 to be in the form as follows.

A marked up copy of the claims is included in an appendix following this amendment for the Examiners convenience.

 An information carrier as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that

the headers in a second group of headers also comprise a second synchronization field located in between the first identification field and the second identification field, said second synchronization field comprising marks representing a predetermined synchronization pattern for synchronizing a clock frequency in a device the information carrier is used in.

- 5. An information carrier as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the information is distributed over a sub-group of headers.
- 8. An information carrier as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the recording area comprises recorded data.

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment to the claims was made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependant form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserves all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore reserves their right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted

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APPENDIX A

- 3. An information carrier as claimed in claim 1 or 2,
- the headers in a second group of headers also comprise a second synchronization field located in between the first identification field and the second identification field, said second synchronization field comprising marks representing a predetermined synchronization pattern for synchronizing a clock frequency in a device the information carrier is used in.
 - 5. An information carrier as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that characterized in that the information is distributed over a sub-group of headers.
 - 8. An information carrier as claimed in any of the claims 1
 to 6 claim 1, characterized in that characterized in that the
 recording area comprises recorded data.